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Application No. 10/018,591 Applicant(s): D'Africa et al. Examiner: Roz Ghafoorian

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Dear Sir,

Reference is made to your letter of 14 April 2003, concerning the application in object of which I am one of the applicants and inventors.

This application was considered abandoned because of an applicants' failure in a proper reply to your letter mailed on 03 October 2002, afterwards the attorney of Mr. Mc Glow confirmed the applications abandoned status on 07 April 2003.

Since I ignored the existence of your never replied letter of 03 October 2002 and, at the same time, is unknown to me the activity of Mr Mc Glow confirming the abandoned status of the application, I ask you to kindly provide with me a copy of these documents (i.e. your letter of 03 October 2002, Mc Glow's communication of 07 April 2003), mailing them to the following address: Via Roma, 12- Missaglia (LC) 23873 – Italy.

Thanks in advance for your interest in my request.

Best regards,

Guido Paduano